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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	1865.0890000/ALF/JRM
<i>First Inventor</i>	John Bradley Poling
<i>Title</i>	Weather Resistant Porting
<i>Express Mail Label No.</i>	

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

*See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.*

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1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
*(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification [Total Pages 11]  
*(preferred arrangement set forth below)*
  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 10]
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  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*
    - i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program  
*(Appendix)*
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
*(if applicable, all necessary)*
  - a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney  
*(when there is an assignee)*
11.  English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO/SB/08A  Copies of IDS Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
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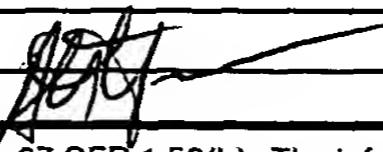
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
2. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Weather Resistant Porting**

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the application comprising:

- a. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);

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- b. A specification containing:
    - i. 8 pages of description prior to the claims;
    - ii. 2 pages of claims (1-9 claims);
    - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
  - c. 10 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1, 2, 3, 3a, 3b, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8);  
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- 4. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS);
  - 5. Form PTO/SB/08A (one (1) page);
  - 6. Two (2) return postcards.

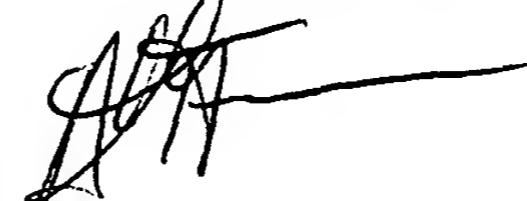
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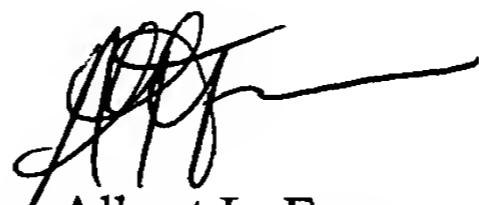
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